PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Kimihiro ABE

Appln. No.: 10/043,110

Group Art Unit: 2833

Confirmation No.: 7282

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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For: CONNECTOR

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53 (e)(2)** 

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed February 11, 2002, states, interalia, that Fig. 6, appears to have been omitted form the application. In response Applicants submit herewith a preliminary amendment changing Fig 6 on page 10 of the specification to Figs 6A-6B2. Applicants submit that Figs. 6(A), 6(B1) and 6(B2) were filed with the rest of the application on January 14, 2002. The application was filed with six (6) sheets of drawings, including one sheet containing Figs. 6(A), 6(B1) and 6(B2). As evidence of the submission of six (6) sheets of drawings on January 14, 2002, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the filing receipt, stamped by the PTO on January 14, 2002, acknowledging six (6) sheets of drawings (including Figs. 6(A), 6(B1) and 6(B2). Also enclosed please find a copy of the drawings as filed on January 14, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a petition fee of \$130.00 required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h). Because the items which the Office alleges is missing were in fact filed with the application, Applicants request a refund of the \$130.00

The Office is hereby directed and authorized to charge the petition fee 130.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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